WELTERING IN THEIR BLOOD.

Two Young Girls Brutally And Mysteriously Murdered.

THE SCENE OF THE TRAGEDY.

Gaping Throats And Almost Severed Heads - Suspicion Directed to a Hardened Brother-In-Law -The Coroner's Jury.

Horrible Double Murder. GRESHAM, Neb., June 17 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-This community is wild with excitement over a horrible double murder which was committed last evening. The victims are two daughters, aged respectively eight and sixteen years, of John Leavitt, a farmer living in Seward county, three and a half miles southeast of this place. Last night at about 11:30 o'clock the inhabitants of Gresham were aroused by awful cries and shricks of murder, coming from the lips of the parents of the girls, who had driven into town at full speed. The old lady and gentlemen had left the girls at home yesterday and came to fown to make a visit and remained here until after 9 o'clock in the evening, when

they drove home. Upon entering the house the oldest girl was found lying in the middle of the floor in a pool of blood with her throat cut in a horrible manner. Nothing was seen by them of the younger girl, but they at once turned their teams toward town to give the alarm.

Parties at once went to the scene. In their search about the premises the younger girl was found lying in the front yard with her throat also cut from ear to ear.

The scene of the crime was visited by a BEE representative, to-day. It was a sick ening and terrible sight. One form, that of the little eight-year-old daughter, Caroline was the first one seen. She lay about twenty feet from the house, where she had been overtaken by her murderer. She fell forward as though violently thrown to the ground. Her face was turned partly upward revealing the ghastly cut at her throat

In the house, just inside the door, lay Bessie's lifeless form. She, unlike her younger sister, lay upon her back with her face turned to one side. So terrific were the cuts. two of which were made, that the head was nearly severed from the body. A large pool of blood still lay on the floor, the pine boards being unable to absorb so much.

The table on which the girls had been writing stood just as they had used it. On the floor lay the lamp, broken in pieces, and the bottle of ink still corked. The letters were on the table. In an ordinary time one might have smiled at the rough writing and simple phraseology of these last efforts of the untutored minds and untrained hands, but now they had a deeper meaning, and the helplessness and innocence of the victims were the more clearly brought to mind. They were written to their school teacher and were as follows:

"GRESHAM, June 16, 1889 .- Dear Friend Teacher: I am well and every time we take wother he fights us. He can not walk yet, Is so lame in his ankle on his left foot. None of our turkeys got drowned on Saturday. Write a letter to Bessie's fellow. Goodbye. From Your, CAROLINE."

The other was: Dear Teacher, I want you to come on Thursday, the 19th. Be sure and to come. From your respectful Bessie Leavitt."

One object, which at first did not attract the eye, was a stout cottonwood club under the form in the house. It had apparently not been used. Mr. Leavitt was found in the kitchen, but readily entered into conver sation. He said: "I went to Gresham, yesterday morning, and returned home about 2 o'clock. I stayed around the house from that time until evening. Everything was quiet, and as usual. I don't remember of seeing anybody at all near the house, be-sides the family. In the evening, I made up my mind to go to Gresham, so hitched up the team. The little girls wanted mother to go along, and take the baby because it had been sick, and it and mother both needed the fresh air and so, about 8 o'clock. we started, leaving the little ones—then that's dead now—to take care of the house We visited in Gresham and bought a sack of flour and started home a little after 9 o'clock. When we got here, about 10, the house was dark. I called to the girls, as I always did, to bring out the lantern, but they didn't answer. Wife said she guessed they didn't answer. Wife said she guessed they had gone to bed and went in herself to get the lantern. She lighted a match and get the lantern. She lighted a mater and then I heard her scream, and she came running out crying 'Poor Bessie's murdered.' I ran into the house, lighted a lamp and saw Bessie as you see her on the floor. I called for my Carrie, but she didn't answer.

I looked under the bed and all around, but couldn't find her any place. I went back to the wagon and didn't know what to do. Mother told me to drive back to town, so we did, screaming murder all the way. Some people came back with us and they found Caroline out where she is now. That is all I know about it, and that is to much."

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When asked if he had any suspicion to who the perpetrator of the deed could be, he said: "No, but mother has."

Mrs. Leavitt is a rapiq speaker. She said:
'Yes, I suspect old Steinblock. He lives
just south of us. We have had trouble with n, and he has threatened to kill me. Last Monday I caught him throwing our corn and told him to stop, and he said 'You -- old black -- , I'll send you to h-l you have been stealing my land.' Th trouble we had was over the division between

Coroner Slip, of Mitford, arrived about 3

Coroner Slip, of Milford, arrived about 3 o'clock and immediately commenced an examination. Mr. Leavitt was first put on the stand and swore to the facts already given. He was very clear in his testimony. The coroner succeeded in bringing out a fact, which he had heretofore been reticent about mentioning, for fear it might cast unwarranted suspicion on an innocent party.

He has a son-haw named Frank Bodewell who was married to his oidest daughter five years ago, and lived with him but a short time, going from there to Lincoln, where he left his in the poorhouse, coing himself to Maina, his old home. Mr. Leavitt brought his daughter home, but she soon followed her husband to Maine, but did not stay long. Bodewell followed her west, but it soon appeared he was wanted for murder it soon appeared he was wanted for murder committed in Springvale, Me. Leavitt turned him over to the authorities and had never heard from him since, only of his

threats to be revenged en Leavitt. This was three or four years ago. From a neighbor's testimony, it became evident that Bodwell may be the perpetrator of the fiendish act. About 5 o'clock, last evening, a man answering his description applied at a house, three miles west of Lea-vitt's, and asked for food which was given him. He had a very suspicious air, and seemed bent on no good. He was watched until out of sight. It is the opinion of many hat this was the man. He has not been seen

The only other evidence of any importance given before the jury was that of two little boys relating to the time the murder was committed. They were returning home about 9 o'clock, and heard the little girl scream and also a man's voice, and a sound as of blows. They were a quarter of a mile away so could not distinguish what was said, and merely supposed the girls were being waipped by

their father.
Eully five hundred people visited the scene of the tragedy, to day, some coming from as far as thirty miles. The excitement is intense, but he one knows who or where the murderer is that he might be lyuchel, as he surely would be if brought here. The coro-

ner's jury was unable to arrive at any ver-dict other than that the girls came to their death by means of having their throats cut with a sharp instrument, with murderous in-

tent, by some unknown person.

The authorities of Seward county, in which the crime was committed, will do sil in their power to ferret out the perpetrator of this foulest of all murders ever committed in this part of the state.

At Fort Robinson.

FORT ROBINSON, Neb., June 17.—[Special Telegram to The Bes. |—The last Sunday review and inspection at Fort Robinson took place yesterday. The order of the president is expected this week abolishing all reviews and inspections in the army on Sunday. The and inspections in the army on Sunday. The troops were reviewed by General Brisbin, Major Kellogg, Eighth infantry, commanding the column. The marching and wheelings were splendid, and when they passed the reviewing stand the twelve sub-divisions were perfectly in line. The order of the tresident is hailed with delight by both officers and men, making Sunday a day of rest in the army. rest in the army.

A Runaway Accident. DAROTA, CITY, Neb., June 17 .- | Special relegram to THE BEE. |-G. W. Wilkinson, treasurer of this county, while jumping out of a buggy last night, had both bones of his left leg broken just below the knee. The cam had been frightened and was running down a steep hill, when the pole of the nuggy dropped and he and his companion jumped. Dr. Wilkinson was caught by the wheel and injured as above stated. His com-panion, Ernest Warner, escaped unhurt.

Lancaster Teachers' Institute. LINCOLN, Neb., June 17 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. J.-The teachers of Lancaster county met in their angual normal institute to-day at the Lincoln business college. It is under the direct superintendence of Superintendent McClusky, who is assisted by Prof. Rakestraw, of Nebraska City; Mrs. Jonkins, of Peru, and Prof. Hunt, of the state university. The attendance is quite large, and the teachers of the county thus work with enthusiasm.

Lightning Kills Two Men. NELIGIT, Neb., June 17.—Near Hickory Postofilee, twenty-five miles northwest of here, A. L. Davis and a hired man named Brown were killed by lightning. They had taken refuge from the rain in a barn. They were in the loft when killed. The barn was wrecked and partially burned. Two children ir the lower story were taken out unharmed. They were imprisoned under the wreek of the stable, and would have been burned to death but for the timely assistance of their mother.

A New Church Bell. BRAINARD, Neb., June 17 .- [Special to THE BEE. |-The dedication of the new bell by St. Mary's Catholic society took place here yesterday. A large procession, headed by the Brainard Silver Cornet band, marched through the principal streets of the town to the church. The interior of the building was handsomely decorated with flowers and plants and a large audience witnessed the interesting exercises. To-day the bell was raised to the church steeple.

Stirring Up the Saloons. TECUMBER. Neb., June 17 .- [Special to THE BEE. |-Some excitement has been produced by the announcement that the no-license people were about to take legal steps to close up the two saloons in town. The general feeling seems to be that as the majority voted license at the late election saloons should be licensed and held strictly to account under the Slocumb law.

Damage to the Corn Crop. CHAIG, Neb., June 17 .- [Special to THE EE.1-Farmers are complaining consider ably of the damage done by the heavy rain Saturday. It washed the corn badiy, especially corn that was listed. But the good done to the small grain and pastures will more than compensate for damage done to the corn crop. Almost three inches of rain

fell in a very few minutes. Little Girl Drowned. OAKLAND, Neb., June 17 .- [Special to THE BEE. |- Last evening, about half-past 6, some children were playing near the mill-

race, and in attempting to cross on a sixinch plank the five-year-old daughter of Peter Young accidentally missed her footing, fell into the water and was drowned. The body was recovered in about twenty minutes and a physician called, but all of forts to bring her to life were of no avail. Smothered in a Wheat Bin. Dawson, Neb., June 16 .- [Special to THE BEE.]-Last Saturday, two boys were playing in a wheat bin from which the grain was

being loaded into a car alongside the ele vator. One of them, Frank Armstead, aged ten years, was drawn into the flow, although the willing hands of nearly hundred men were instantly at work for his Crops Damaged by Rail. HARVARD, Neb., June 17 .- | Special Telegram to THE BEE. |- A severe hail storm passed east of this town Saturday afternoon, devastating a

tract three miles wide and fifteen or twenty

miles long. Farmers in the hailed district report early corn severely damaged, but late corn not much injured. Flax was destroyed totally and oats about 50 per cent. A Colored Pastor Skips. Lincoln, Neb., June 17 .- | Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-Rev. Corham, pastor of the Second Baptist church, colored, has, it is openly charged, strayed from the straight and narrow path. His penchant for liaisons with comely maiden lambs of his flock be came a matter of easy proof to-day, and he

suddenly decamped for other parts. His point of destination is unknown. SEWARD, Neb., June 17 .- [Special to THE Bgg. |-The Methodist congregation here has grown so large that a new church is necessary. Services were held for the last time in the old building yesterday. It will be torn down and a new brick structure built in its stead, to cost \$10,000, and will be modeled after the Presbyterian church at York.

Throttled a Chinaman. BEATRICE, Neb., June 17 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE |- Samuel McConnell, ar rested for throttling a Chinaman, last night, was given a hearing this afternoon. He pleaded not guilty, waived examination, and was bound over to the district court in \$307, in default of which he was committed to the

Saturday's Storm at Ewing. EWING, Neb., June 17 .- [Special to THE BEE.]-Another grand rain visited this section last Saturday. Not for years has there been so good a prospect for an abundant harvest as now. Mr. Donaldson, a farmer, living near town, lost a fine mare during the Saturday storm.

Burglary at Plattsmouth. PLATISMOUTH, Neb., June 17 .- [Special Telegram to Tue Ber]-Some thieves entered the house of W. H. Newell yesterday afternoon. They got \$3 in money. Nothing

To Knock the Court House Bonds. PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., June 17 .- [Special Telegram to THE HEE. |-The farmers will meet to-night at Manley to devise ways and means to knock the county court house bonds that carried at the late election.

Paris Cab Drivers' Strike Ended. Panis, June 17 .- The cab drivers' strike is ended and cabs are running to-day as usual.

NEWS FROM OVER THE SEA.

Baroness Burdett-Coutts Entertains the American Engineers.

A GREAT DAY AT HOLLY LODGE.

Wrestling Match Between Wannop and Jack Carkeek-It is Yet a Stand Off - The Faked Berlin Treaty.

The Pleased Visitors.

[Copyright 1889 by James Garden Bennett.] LONDON, June 17 .- | New York Herald Cable Special to THE BEE. |-Sir John Goode and other gentlemen of the Royal Institution of Civil Engineers, who made it their special business to fill every moment for the American engineers with some pleasant experiences escorted them through St. James' and Buckingham palaces to-day. They saw the royal mews, also, by express permission of her majesty, and amused themselves on the mews, as one of the younger members of the party put it, "and the Lord have mercy on his soul," but the event of the day was a garden party given in the afternoon by Baroness Burdett-Coutts.

All of the Americans and many of their English friends went up about half past 3 to Holly lodge, and from that nour until 8 o'clock the beautiful park surrounding the lodge was bespangled with the bright costumes of the ladies, and alive with music and the agreeable chatter of the guests. The baroness enjoys the reputation of special hospitality to strangers, and sustained that reputation yesterday, providing the most elegant entertainment to the nearly two hundred wandering subjects of Uncle Sam, and gathering about them the most picturesque and interesting company that could well be picked up in London.

The Marquis of Lorne was one of the early arrivals, and entered as ne departed a couple of hours later, without any sign of recognition from the crowd of natives that gathered about the gate.

The Archbishop of Cyprus, an austere black, in canonicals and silver cross, came later, attended by four of his swarthy companions and colleagues of the Cypriote mission; then the Chinese minister and members of his suite. Then came the Bishop of Kerry, followed by Andrew Caracgie.

The day was far advanced when Mr. Lin-

colu drove up in a modest brougham, accompanied by his daughter. Among the last of the arrivals was Baroness Henry de Worms. The lodge gate was hung with the comingled colors of the English and the United States and the same standards bedecked every place in the park available for decorations. There were many refresh-ment booths and conservatories.

At the entrance to the mansion the guests were greeted in turn by the baroness, who was supported by Mr. Bartlett-Coutts, and took each visitor by the hand. The renowned Caldstream Guards' band furnished music from one pavilion and the Police band from ano.her. The day was perfect, and everybody looked entirely comfortable. Carkeck and Wannop.

[Copyright 1889 by James Gordon Bennett.] LONDON, June 17.—| New York Herald Cable—Special to THE BEE. |-The wrestling match between Jack Carkeek and Jack Wannop, the champion, was resumed at Plymouth, to-night. Wannop was in better form rnd made play for the first twenty minutes, in catch-as-catch-can, Carkeek acting on the defensive. Although Wannop made splendid attempts, Carkeek saved himself capitally. After an interval, Carkeek did good work, but Wannup was too clever. Even when his opponent actually stood him on his head Wannop managed to land himself safe. The enthusiasm was great and the play most exciting.

In the third bout Wannop walked on his head in a most extraordinary manner, Carkeek holding him by the legs, but could do nothing. Carkeek then got the double Nelson and put his man over his back; both then played a determined game, and after an interval Carkeek attempted another double Nelson, but Wannop collared his opponent, as he lay on top, by his head and turned him over in grand style. Carkeek lay on the ground, resting on his head and legs. He tried all he knew to escape, but Wannop handled him well, and, by sheer skill and strength, pulled him

down fair.
The men had now obtained a back each and it only remained for one to get and then to win the match. They continued up to the call of time, but neither gained the advan tage and the match was declared a draw.

A Bogus Treaty Dispatch. BERLIN, June 17 .- | New York Herald Cable-Special to THE BEE. |- I am authorized to cable official assurance that the re port which recently appeared in the New York papers, and which purported to be the Samoan treaty, was written in New York or Berlin from the printed documents published at Washington prior to the meeeting of the conference, and by a person who had never seen the draft before the conference or any clause thereof. The faked treaty differed widely from the ncomplete draft then existing, and that was not the same as that finally adopted.

The Decayed French Navy.

[Copyright 1887 by James Gordon Bennett. Paris, June 17 .- | New York Herald Cable -Special to Tue Ber.]-In the chamber of deputies, to-day, Vice-Admiral Dhornoy declared that the men-of-war now possessed by France were of an antiquated type and ought to be replaced by new vessels, which would equal in number and strength the united feets of Germany and Italy. Only in this way would France be able to retain her rank of the second naval power of the

Steamship Arrivals.

At Hamburg-The Rhoetia, from New At Southampton-The Elbe, from New York, for Bremen.

At London-The Egyptian Monarch, from New York. At Philadelphia-The British Princess, from Liverpool.

At Queenstown—The British Prince, from Philadelphia. At Glasgow—The State of Nevada, from New York.

At New York-La Normandie, from Havre, and the Ethiopia, from Glasgow.

Dakota Farmers' Alliance. PIERRE, Dak., June 17 .- Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-Twenty-five delegates to the Territorial Farmers' alliance arrived over-land from the Black Hills to-day, and were the guests of the city during their stay in

A Nebraskan Arrested at Louisville Louisville, Louisville, June 17.—A young man giving his name as Samuel Richards was arreste here to-day charged with a rape committed at York, Neb. The marshal of that place took him away to night on a requisition. His name is said to be Richardson.

SAME OLD STORY.

The Valkyrie Downs the Yarana and the lrex.

[Copyright 1859 by James Gardon Bennett,] QUEENSTOWN, June 17 .- | New York Herald Cable-Special to THE BEE.]-At the Roy al Corn Yacht regatta, which commenced at Queenstown, to-day, in the race for yachts of twenty tons and upwards the following competed: The Irex, cutter, ninty-eight tons; the Valkyrie, cutter, seventy-seven tons; the Yarana, cutter, fifty-nine tons; the Deerhound, cutter, forty tons. The course was originally fixed at forty miles, but the wind was so light the committee declded to shorten it.

The start was effected in almost a flat calm; any little wind that there was came from the south southeast. The Valkyrie, well to windward, was the first to cross the the line, closely followed by the Deerhound, the Yarana inshore, third, while the Irex lay becalmed a hundred yards below the starting line, endeavoring to stem the ebb tide; and, as a consequence, she was fifteen minutes late at the start. After rounding the Spit light the boats had to beat to sea, during which the Valsyrie continued to inorease her lead. The Irex took the ground on Coorland bank, and, it being cob tide she remained there four hours. The wind now slightly increased, and with jib topsails set the others stood out for the Poorhead flagboat, which was rounded by the Valkyrie twelve minutes ahead of the Yarana, which had drifted ahead of the Deerhound. Jib topsails were taken in and the balloon jibs set, and with free sheets they proceeded for the Donats Rock lighthouse, heading west by south. The wind, which again died away as the yachts rounded the Poorhead light, freshened when the Valkyrie was almost due south of Roche's Point, otherwise the yachts would never have reached Queenstown, as the flood tide was setting in against them. The Yarana and Deerhound felt the breeze later on, and they closed considerably on the leader. The wind again died away, and the spinnakers being set for the run home, with the flood tide, it was a drifting match for the rest of the course. The yachts were timed as follows as they arrived off the club quay: Valkyrie, 5:2:33; Yarana, 5:17:54; Deerhound, 5:21:20. The Valkyrie takes first prize and the Yarana the second.

IOWA NEWS. ...

Two Bors Drowned. DES MOINES, Ia., June 17 .- | Special Telegram to THE BEE. |- Henry Gunderson, the seven-year-old son of Mr. Henry Gunderson, a Norwegian stonecutter residing on East Second and Scott streets, was drowned in the Des Moines river, at the Diagonal bridge, at 10:45, to-day. He was climbing up on the iron work of the bridge and feil, first striking the pier and then sinking in eight feet of water. The body was recovered fifteen minutes later. It is the fourth child they have

A drowning is also reported from Lucas, where a party of boys were bathing in a pond that had gathered around a deserted shaft among the mines. Young Hillery, fourteen years old, got in over his head and

An Attempted Suicide. MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., June 17 .- | Special

Telegram to THE BEE. |-Mrs. Denbow, a widow aged about sixty, attempted suicide yesterday afternoon by shooting herself with a 22-calibre revolver, the ball entering ween the left breast and ing serious but not fatal injury. The woman was divorced from her first husband, William Fallis, who lives at Stockton, Kan. she married Dr. William Denbow, an old vet-eran, who died about four years ago, since when she has lived alone, broading over and mrgnifying her troubles until her mind gave way.

Shot By a Jealous Rival. DES MOINES, la., June 17 .- [Special Telegram to THE BER. |-Ed Wise, aged seventeen, son of Samuel Wise, a photographer, of Wilton, was shot by an unknown party last right at 10 o'clock, on leaving the home of Miss Carrie Warren, of the same place. The ball lodged in his right lung. His condition is critical. Both parties are highly respecta-ble. Much excitement prevails. Wise has been paying some attention to the young lady, and it is thought he was shot by some jealous rival. A search is being made for the would-be assassin.

A Paper Mfti Burned.

Mason City, Ia., June 17 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE . - The Rockford Paper mill, one of the most expensive enterprises of the kind in the state, burned yesterday. An entirely new organization was recently formed and the new machinery was set in operation on Friday. The loss is estimated at \$15,000; covered by \$4,000 insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is thought to have caught from a hot box. The company will at once commence work on a new building, and will again be in operation

Wayward Youths. DES MOINES, Ia., June 17 .- [Special Telegram to THE BER. |-The assistance of the public is asked by a widow in Stanhope, northwestern Iowa, to find her son, Emphey Bute, who disappeared from home on June 16. He is about fifteen years old, bright and intelligent, and he went away in company with an older boy named Jackson. The latter stole his father's horse and no trace of the boys has been found. The father of Jackson does not care whether he returns or not, but the poor widow is very anxious that her boy should be found and sent to the reform

Held Up By Footpads. WATERLOO, Ia., June 16 .- [Special Tele gram to THE BEE. |-Late Saturday night two burglaries were committed in this city, and one man was held up by footpads last night. The police tracked the burglars to

the woods above the city, and came upon eight of them, the police using their revol-vers freely. Five of the fellows were cap-tured, but those who had committed the crimes escaped. They were dressed well and had no appearance of being tramps. The Adair County Fire Bugs. DES MOINES, Ia., June 17 .- | Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-Governor Larrabee today issued a proclamation, offering a reward of \$500 for the arrest of the persons who are believed to have caused the incendiary fires at Greenfield, Adair county, on May 6. The town seemed to be in the hands of fire bugs, and the authorities have urged the governor to help them discover the incendiaries.

Struck By Lightning.
DES MOINES, Ia., June 17.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-M. Siegler, of Glidden, was struck by lightning last evening as he was unhitching his team after returning from town. One horse was killed, the other stunned, and Mr. Seigler was left unconscious with slim chance of recovery.

A Double Toroat-Cutting. CINCINNATI, June 17 .- Nicholas Pearl cut his wife's throat to-day and then made an ugly gash in his own throat. He was taken to the hospital and talked in an incoherent manner of having concluded it was better his wife should die. He is seventy-one years old.

To Be Made a Bishop. MILWAUREE, June 17 .- It is reported that Dr. Zardetta, formerly at the head of St. Francis Catholic college, this city, now of Dakota, will be made bishop of Winona.

NOT AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS

Our Samoan Representatives Get a Little the Worst of It.

A TARIFF SCHEDULE ATTACHED.

Firearms and Intoxicating Liquors the Only Articles on Which a High Rate of Duty is to Be Imposed.

Washington Bureau, The Omaha Bee. 513 Fourteenth Street, Washington, D. C., June 17.

As the details of the Samoan treaty be came public the knowledge is gained that the conference was not altogether one-sided, and that the United States failed in one material particular to maintain its points. Under the present treaty between the United States and the Samoan islands, the cargoes of all vessels from and to the Samoan islands, sailing under the American flag are exempt from duty. But this will not be the case under the new treaty, for it seems that a tariff schedule is appended, by which the three contracting powers hold themselves to be bound. The tariff is to apply to all imports from all of these countries, and no change is to be made without the consent of the three powers and none at all for five years after the treaty shall be signed. It is learned that the tariff schedule identical with that proposed the German minister in the conference held in this city in 1887. But while the tariff is to be maintained against products of the United States as well as against those coming from England and Germany, this tariff is so light that Samoa is held to be practically a free trade country. The intent of the commissioners is that the funds necessary to maintain the government of Samoa shall be collected almost entirely from internal sources. High duties are to be placed on firearms and intoxicating liquors. These are about the only articles which will bear a high rate of duty. The object of attaching a tariff schedule to the treaty was to prevent each of the three interested nations from attempting to negotiate separate treaties beneficial to their own country and correspondingly detrimental to the others. It is reported here that, notwithstanding the fact that the tariff schedule is practically of German origin, it was not altogether in accord with the views of the German members of the conference that this portion of the treaty was incorporated, as the German diplomatists desired to be free to negotiate with the Samoan powers in such a manner as they might desire. But the course adopted prevents any one of the three nations from securing undue advantages over the others.

WORK OF ARMY MEN AT JOHNSTOWN. Captain Sears, of the engineer corps, who has been with a platoon of that corps at Johnstown, adong the people to recover from losses, has returned to Washington. He reports that the men under his command put or that the men under his command put up three pontoon bridges, which have been of material benefit to the residents of Johns-town and vicinity. Three officers and fifty-three men are left there, and they will pro-ceed to build regular trestle bridges if they can secure the material. General Casey, chief of engineers, in speaking of the matter this afternoon, said the law provides for a battalion of engineers and that there is such a battalion containing 500 men. They are thoroughly competent sappers and miners and bridge builders, and among the best men in the army. "They are fighters, too," continued the general, "and while the flags of other arms of the service contain the list of battles in which the regiment and batteries and troops participated, the battalion flag of the engineer corps records participation in every battle of the Mexican war and in every engagement in which the Army of the Potomac took part. They are always called upon first when there is any necessity for fighters. They were the first to respond in the Brooklyn riots and again in 1877, when the regular army was called on to quell the raylored disturbances. The anginger hatrailroad disturbances. The engineer bat-talion was first in the field, yet in spite of all this and the fact that these men are ready to respond whether it is to build a bridge or quell a riot, there was no place for them in the centennial parade. Every other arm of the service—infantry, cavalry, artillery, and even the revenue marines—were assigned a place in the line, but there was not a spot for the engineer corps."

NEBRASKA AND IOWA POSTMASTERS. The following fourth class postmasters were appointed to-day: Nebraska—Olax, Custer county, H. P. Johnson; Tufford, Custer county, E. W. Tufford, Iowa—Ross, Audubon county, J. T. Tuse; Wayne, Henry county, H. M. Smith.

PERSONAL. J. H. Foxworthy, of Lincoln, accompanied by his wife, has been in Washington for a few days on business connected with the pension office. Mr. and Mrs. Foxworthy will leave on Wednesday on a trip to the south before returning to their home.

Senator Manderson left for the west this morning, and Washington is without a Ne-

braska representative.

Secretary Noble spent the afternoon with
the president, and it is understood that a number of land office appointments were decided upon. It is learned semi-officially that there were several Nebraska cases on the list and that the announcement of some land office appointments in the state will be made during the week, PERRY S. HEATH.

IMPOSING ON THE INDIANS.

Considerable Rottenness Revealed at the Hampton School.

WASHINGTON, June 17 .-- Some time ago

D. Childs, at the request of Secretary Noble, went to the Hampton Indian school and quietly inthe vestigated the complaints in regard to the management of the Indians, which has been brought to the attention of the government. Dr. Childs' report was to the effect that the food given the Indian boys was not good, and the Indians complained that the contribu-tions made for their benefit was used for the benefit of the negroes of the school. Dr. Childs also speke severely upon the use of the noisome dungeon or guard-house built in the basement under the offices. Clinton B. Fisk, chairman of the Board of Indian commissioners, sent two members of the board to Hampton, who made a report con-tradictory to Childs. Dr. Childs has written a letter General Fisk, in which he says it is evident that there were things which needed correction, from the fact that they were corrected after his investigation, and the Indians sent a representative to this city to return thanks for the improved condition. As to the immuring the Indians in a dungeon, he says he is amazed that the board can de-fend this mode of discipling Indian children. It is understood that Secretary Noble has ided that cell punishment shall not be in flicted hereafter.

Convention of Mystle Shriners. CHICAGO, June 17 .- A convention of the Order of the Mystic Shrine was held here today. A number of changes in the bylaws and ritual were made and new officers elected. Among them are: Imperial poten chected. Among them are: Imperial potentate, Samuel Briggs, Cleveland; imperial chief rabbian, William B. Mei'sb, Cincinnati; imperial high priest, John T. Brush, Indianapolis; imperial marshal, Siras W. Eaton, Cedar Rapids, Ia.; imperial outer guard, Charles L. Field, San Francisco.

Killed by a Scaffold Fall. Chicago, June 17.—By the fall of a scaffold in one of the power houses of the Yerkes Cable car companies system this afternoon, Peter Doornbos was killed and four other men serlously injured.

FLOODS IN KANSAS.

A Number of Lives Lost and Much Property Destroyed.

Sr. Louis, June 17 .- Additional advices about the disaster in Kansas from wind and storms are that Uniontown, about fifteen miles west of Fort Scott on the Wichita & Western railroad, was swept away, and that two women and four children were drowned. Uniontown, which is a place of 600 inhabitants, is in the midst of a thickly settled country and it is feared the loss of life is even heavier than reported. As the wires are down for fifteen miles on either side, nothing definite can be learned. The storm struck the western part of Hourbon county late at night, coming from the west, where it had played great havoe. At Augusta it assumed the form of a cloud-burst, and though everything possible has been done to obtain the details by railroads, all is uncertain at present.

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Henvy rains washed away the ice dam at Sixth street, causing the water in the Buck Run to rise at the rate of three feet an hour, carrying away several houses and the bridge across Sixth street. That part of Fort Scott known as Belltown is entirely under water and the people were taken out in boats. Several bridges were washed away and trains were stopped on both sides

in boats. Several bridges were washed away and trains were stopped on both sides of Fort Scott, the roads being under water for quite a distance. The water has stopped rising, and if no more rain falls the flood will rapidly subside.

ELDORADO, Kan., June 17.—The upper valley of the Walnut is flooded from excessive rains. Saturday night the river came up so suddenly that a family by the name of Graham started from their home to the high land. The mother and babe were drowned, the father and one child escaping. Grain and. The mother and babe were drowned, the father and one child escaping. Grain fields are flooded and much damage must result. Railroad property was considerably damaged. The water is receding to-day. The drowning of O. Beaman in Cassady is reported, and it is thought several others have lost their lives in the lower valley.

IOLA, Kan., July 17.—Allen county has suffered severely during the past thirty-six hours from floods in the Neoshe river and its principal tributaries. The streams have

principal tributaries. The streams have been unusually high all spring and the heavy rains Saturday night brought them out of their banks, flooding the bottoms for a mile or more on either side. There has been no loss of life or of live stock, and those living on the low land were warned in time, but it is thought that hundreds of acres of wheat, which was just ripening and promised a very large yield will be almost a total loss, while the sub-merged corn and other crops will be greatly damaged. Near the river west of the city a large number of smail bridges and culverts along the wagon roads have been washed out, and workmen were engaged all day Sunday strengthening the river bridge, which, it is feared, has been seriously undermined. The water reached its highest point at 3 o'clock Monday morning, since which time it has been slowly receding, and it is now hoped

the worst is past.

CEPAR VALE, Kan., June 17.—Two brothers, Brack and Sheridan Hones, were drowned Sunday while attempting to ford the Big Canadian River.

Humboldt, Kan., June 17.—The Neesho river is five miles wide at this point, but is falling. Ten thousand acres of wheat are ruined.

AUGUSTA, Kan., June 17.—The river is receding. Several persons were washed down stream last night and many remained on the housetops and trees until to-day, when all were rescued. It is reported that two persons were drowned north of Eldo-

rado, making four in all. Villard Gains a Victory. PORTLAND, Ore., June 17 .- The annual elec tion of the Oregon & Transcontinental and Oregon Railway & Navigation companies was held, to-day. Villard got away with the former and a compromise was affected whereby the latter will be managed as a part of the Union Pacific system, the Northern Pacific to have nothing to do with it. At the Oregon & Transcontinental election the Villard party voted 217,000 shares. The Union Pacific in terest, Elijah Smith and Portland interest. voted 179,000 shares. A new directorate was selected, among the members being Henry Villard, Charles I. Cully and Colgate Hoyt. The old officers were re-elected. In the Oregon Railway & Navigation election, Villard, and General Dodge repre-senting the Union Pacific were elected. Saturday night Villard applied for an injunction to compel Smith, as president of the Oregon Railway & Navigation to count Oregon & Transcontinental holdings in that Oregon & Transcontinental nothings in that company at the election. A conference was held last night and a compromise reached, Villard agreeing to dispose of his Transcon-tinental holdings in Oregon Railway & Navigation roads north of Snake river, which have been among the chief objects of contention. They are to be taken, when completed, into the Oregon Railway & Navigation system, and operated as a part of it on condition that the lease of the Oregon Railway & Navigation to the Oregon Short Line and Union Pacific holds good. All the lines are to be operated as one, the Northern Pacific to have nothing to do with it. The understanding is that Edmund Smith, formerly vice-president of the Pennsylvania road, is to be president of the Oregon Railway & Navigation company. The new Oregon & Transcontinental di-rectory has decided to abandon the proposition to issue \$10,000,000 preferred storm which proposition caused a great row in New to issue \$10,000,000 preferred

Will Teach the English How to Shoot Boston, Mass., Junea 17 .- | Special Tele gram to THE BEE. |-The famous rifle team of the Massachusetts militia, who since 1886 have captured, each year, the regular army and naval and the militia medals for marksmanship, sail for England to-morrow, where they will meet all the crack military riflo teams of Great Britain, for the respective cups, etc. The men selected to go are Cap-tain, Major J. P. Frost, Second brigade; Adjutant, Major J. H. Benton, Fifth infantry; Quartermaster, Lieutenant S. B. Newton, First cavalry; Sergeant, Major O. F. Marion, First infantry; Major C. W. Hinman, First brigade; Lieu-Major C. W. Hinman, First brigade; Lieutenant S. S. Bumsted, Second infantry; Lieutenant R. B. Edes, Fifth infantry; Lieutenant W. G. Hussey, Eighth infantry; Sergeant Major W. M. Merrill, Second brigade; Sergeant W. C. Johnson, Second infantry; Sergeant George Doyle, Fifth infantry; Corporal W. D. Huddelson, First infantry; Private F. R. Bull, Second infantry; Private F. R. Bull, Second infantry; Private vate F. R. Bull. Second infantry: Private

L. T. Farnsworth, Second infantry; Private W. M. Farrow, Second infantry. Prominent Catrle Man Dead. CHEYENNE, Wyo., June 17 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. !- Colonel A. T. Babbitt. one of the most prominent cattle men of the west, died here to-day, after an illness of several weeks. The deceased was president of the Standard Cuttle company, owning large herds of cattle in Texas, Wyoming and Montana. He was also president of the Wy oming Stock-growers' association. Colone Babblit served with distinction during the war. He was colonel of the Ninety-third Ohio volunteers, and was wounded in several engagements. Colonel Babbitt was in his fifty-first year. He was a member of the Loyal Legion, the G. A. R., and the Knights Templar organizations.

A Brakeman Fatally Hurt. CHEYENNE, Wyo., June 17 .- | Special Tele gram to THE BEE. |- While a Union Pacific freight train was passing through snow shed No. 7, near Sherman station, yesterday, S. R. Corwin, a brakeman, was knocked from the top of a freight car by the timbers overhead and fatally injured.

The Weather Indications. For Nebraska: Light rain, slightly cooler, rariable winds.

For Iowa: Showers, stationary tempera-ure, followed Tuesday by slightly cooler, variable winds.
For Dakota: Fair, preceded by rain in eastern portion, slightly cooler, sortheasterly

CHEYENNES AT PINE RIDGE. .

A Talk With the Tribe That Doesn't Know Sloux.

WARNING RED CLOUD'S SOLDIERS

Major Warner's Little Mistake About Fish - The Influence of Dr. Bland and His Paper May Cause Defeat.

Yesterday's Council at the Agency. PINE RIDGE (via Rushville), June 17 .-Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-The disposition of Red Cloud is shown by the action of his soldiers in the break-up of the council, last evening, when fifty or sixty of these mounted bucks surrounded the pavilion and forbade any speaking on the part of the Indians with the commissioners. His policy has been very clearly defined in this very decided action of his young men, prompted by the council of which he is the prime

This morning the Chevennes were to come in to the agency to council with the commission, they being unable to understand the Sioux dialoct, in which the translations were made yesterday. They came in this morning and reported that the soldiers would not allow them to come in to take any counsel with the commission. Agent Gallagher called up his captain of police and instructed him to send word to the camps that any one who would interfere with the free action of any Indian on the reservation should receive a dose of

the guard house. One of the young men from Red Cloud's band came in to ascertain what would be done, intending to report the same to the camp in order that the soldiers might take action. Colonel Callagher had him brought up and gave him thoroughly to understand that no actions like the day previous would pe tolerated. This seemed to have a salutory effect, as in a short time the Cheyennes came and a council was held in the council

room of the agent's office. Standing Elk, Wild Hog, Little Chief and other chiefs were present and gave close attention to the address and explanation of Governor Foster and Major Warner. Governor Foster made the same lucid explanation of the bill and the intention of the govern-ment, adding to his remarks some very good advice, as a friend of the red man.

Major Warner confined his remarks to personal appeals to them, painting in glowing colors the situation on the reservation when the lands were taken in severalty, and these broad plains teemed with the fruits of agricultural labors, and are fragrant with he pertume of the avheat and corn blos-

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The major is rapidly becoming very proficient and effective in Indian talking, easily falling into their modes of expression and getting nearer their hearts than at first. Yesterday he made use of many expressions which appealed to the strongest feelings of an Indian, though he did rather overreach when he spoke about fishing to people who consider fish unfit to cat. The speech made yesterday was replete with eloquence and pathos, and was listened to very attentively. The Sieux Indians held a big council in the camps yesterday, in which fiery speeches were made by Red Cloud, Blue Horse and others, denouncing the action of the white men who were attempting to impose this treaty upon them. Red Cloud was especially vehement, utterly refusing to even accept a copy of the bill or listen to its reading, having derived his mental attitude from Dr. Bland, during the recent visit to Washington.

Four or five hundred copies of The Council Fire have been circulated here, very recently, and are being industriously translated in the camps. If this bill fails here the in-fluence of Dr. Bland may be accounted largely responsible, for it, and not from any philanthropical reasons, but for a purely selfish purpose, as shown in the manner of work done here. A great Omaha dance took place last night about a huge fire, the commission having presented them with twenty beeves for a feast. This was necessary to

keep the Indians here at the agency.

A council was held this afternoon, at which Old-Man-Afraid-of-His-Horse, Red Cloud, Little Wound, Blue Horse, Young-Man-Afraid-of-His-Horse and other chiefs spoke. Their talk was a rehearsal, each in their own way, of their individual views as to the promises in the treaty of 1868, which have not been fulfilled. When they finished, Major Warner explained the bill in regard to paying Red Cloud for his ponies, and told them to be careful of any men who wanted to get any of this money; and that advice from such men was not worth much; that while he thought it was for the interest of all of them, the bill should be accepted, still the commissioners wanted them to do as they thought best. He cencluded by saying that the bill was rerdy for signatures. No Fiesh was the first to sign. About forty signed in twenty minutes, when further action was de-

ferred until evening. SEVENTEEN MORE BODIES. Progress of the Work of Recovering

the Johnstown Dead. Johnstown, Pa., June 17 .- The weather here is gloomy and dismal. Seventeen more bodies were dug from the wreckage to-day. Among them was the body of Mrs. Annie Bales, of Racine, Wis. She was a passenger on the day express lost on the fatal day. She on the day express lost on the fatal day. She was buried promptly, as were all the other bodies found. At a meeting of business men this afternoon, it was decided to ask the state authorities here for lumber with which to build temporary business places. To a committee who waited on General Hastmgs, that gentleman said he would supply all the lumber desired within a week. Many of the public buildings will be constructed on the old public square. About 5,500 men are now at work on the ruins and many more are coming in. A noticeable impression is being made on the debris above the stone bridge by the use of dynamite. Three mem-bers of the Fourteenth regiment were arrested at Cambria City to-night, charged with insulting women. They are locked up. Citizens of the place are indignant, and

many threats of lynching are made. Robbed a Chinese Laundry. BEATRICE, Neb., June 17 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |—Three men entered Wo Hee's laundry on Ella street at 9:30 last night, throttled the cashier of the laundry, night, throttled the cashier of the laundry, beat him unmercifully, took \$15 from his pockets and disappeared. The Chinaman gave the alarm. The police were soon on hand and went out to hunt the robbers. In a few minutes one of the men came back to the laundry. Wo Hee called the police, who came quickly and arrested him. He was taken to jail and searched. A bottle of acid was found on him. The other two have not yet been apprehended.

yet been apprehended. Lutheran Synod. Pittsbung, June 17 .- In the Lutheran synod to-day the report on church extension showed \$53,058 received from all sources, or a larger amount than during any previous blennium. The rapid growth of the church, particularly in the west, where many churches have been erected, required the appropriation of the whole amount. The three banner synods, which during the year contributed more than the amount apportioned them, are the synods of Maine, Iowa and Kansas.

and Kansas. Land Deal in Yankton.

YANKTON Dak., June 17 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-The Cunker forty acres, just north of the Yankton college, was sold to-day to E. E. Scimier and C. B. Bird, representing a Sioux City syndicate, for \$24,000, Several thousand dollars have been paid, and the sale actually closed. The purchasers will plat and soil lots and double their money.